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GUATEMALAN MAN CHARGED WITH RE-ENTRY INTO UNITED STATES AFTER DEPORTATION

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Jose Eliseo Sandoval, 33, Guatemala, was charged today with reentry into the United States after deportation following a conviction for an aggravated felony. This follows an investigation by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Detention and Removal, Department of Homeland Security.

The indictment charges that Sandoval was found on December 17, 2009, in Monroe County. He had previously been convicted of two felony sexual battery charges in August 2004 and deported in February 2008. As an aggravated felon, Sandoval can never again legally enter the United States.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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